



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Public Works Crews Prepare for Season with “Snow Road-eo”

Gaithersburg, MD – (October 14, 2021) The City of Gaithersburg “Snow Road-eo” returned to the Activity Center at Bohrer Park on Thursday, October 14, 2021. The team-building event is geared towards snow removal preparedness for the upcoming winter weather season.

Ten teams, each consisting of a snow plow driver and a navigator, competed in a timed obstacle course where they negotiated their way through eight stations along a plotted route. The course especially challenges the participants to operate large machinery in very tight spaces, something they encounter regularly when plowing courts and newer developments with on-street parking. Crew members completed pre-trip plow truck inspections and a written exam prior to the obstacle course event.

Winners and participants were recognized during an awards ceremony following the competition. Mark Smith and Andrew Rosencrantz came in first place, followed by Greg Horton and David Outman in second, and Alvaro Guzman and Edwin Alvarez in third.

Gaithersburg’s Junior Mayor, Abeer Day of Rachel Carson Elementary School, made a special appearance and participated in a drive-along with a Public Works crew member.

Also on display at the event were snow plows sporting specially painted blades with original artwork. Groups were invited to paint the blades as part of the Paint the Plow community outreach program, an initiative of the Gaithersburg Parks, Arts and Recreation Corporation (GPARC) and the City’s Public Works and Parks, Recreation & Culture Departments and Stormwater Management Team. Benjamin Gaither Center and Gaithersburg Youth Club members, along with GPARC, City staff and artist Astrid Adler, painted the blades with designs and messages bringing awareness to the overuse of salt on roads. Learn more about the City’s Road Salt Drop Off Program [here](#).

As Public Works crews get ready to combat snow, residents are reminded to do their part as well. Read about how you can prepare for a winter storm in Gaithersburg and find [snow removal information and updates](#) on the City’s website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov. Also, follow us on Facebook and Twitter @GburgMD for winter weather updates, and subscribe to [Alert Gaithersburg](#) for emergency notifications.

Not sure who is responsible for plowing which streets in Gaithersburg? The Maryland Department of Transportation maintains an online map service that allows residents to enter a street address and learn which

agency (state, county or local municipality) is responsible for road maintenance. Use the map locator at www.mdot.maryland.gov/knowyourroads.html to see who's responsible for what.

In addition to snow removal, Gaithersburg's Department of Public Works maintains all City facilities, supervises construction, reviews storm water management, sediment control and drainage projects, maintains and beautifies City streets, buildings and parks, administers the City's bulk pick up, recycling and fleet maintenance programs, and a host of other activities. For more information, call 301-258-6370 or visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

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